

REMARKS

The entry of this amendment under Rule 312 is respectfully requested. This amendment makes minor corrections to claims 1, 8 and 14. In claim 1, a semicolon is being changed to a colon after the word "comprising." In claim 8, a semicolon is being added after the word "comprising" given the fact that in the last response the semicolon was shown as being both added and deleted at the same time. In claim 14, a semicolon is being added after the word "comprising" and the words "the steps of;" are being removed for consistency with claims 1 and 8.

Since these amendments are of a minor nature which do not require the Examiner to either conduct a further search or to spend substantial time reviewing this proposed amendment, the entry of these amendments under Rule 312 is respectfully requested.

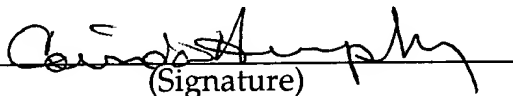
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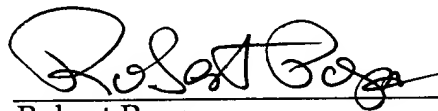


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